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1. The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters; and/or does not identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function for every means plus function and step plus function for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately by reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters, as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v).

The "Summary of claimed subject matter" appearing on pages 2-3 of the Appeal Brief deficient because it does not separately map independent claims 20, 39, 40, 41 and 42 to the specification. Correction is required.

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